

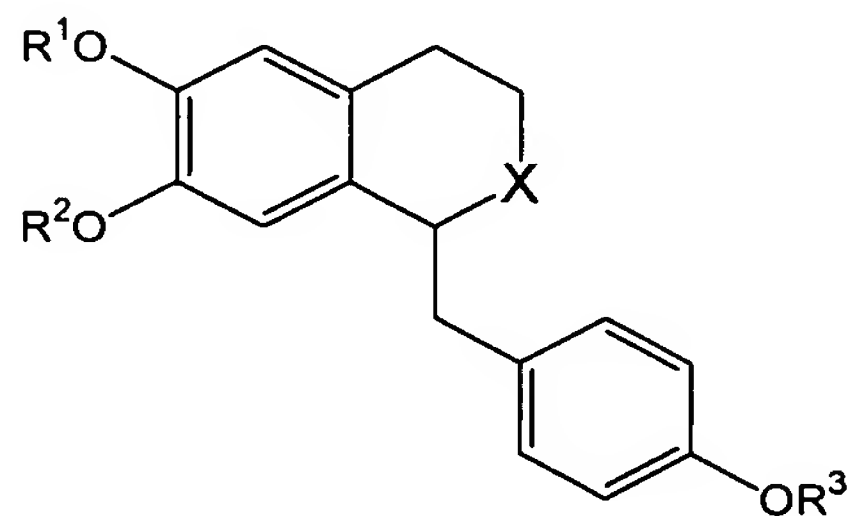
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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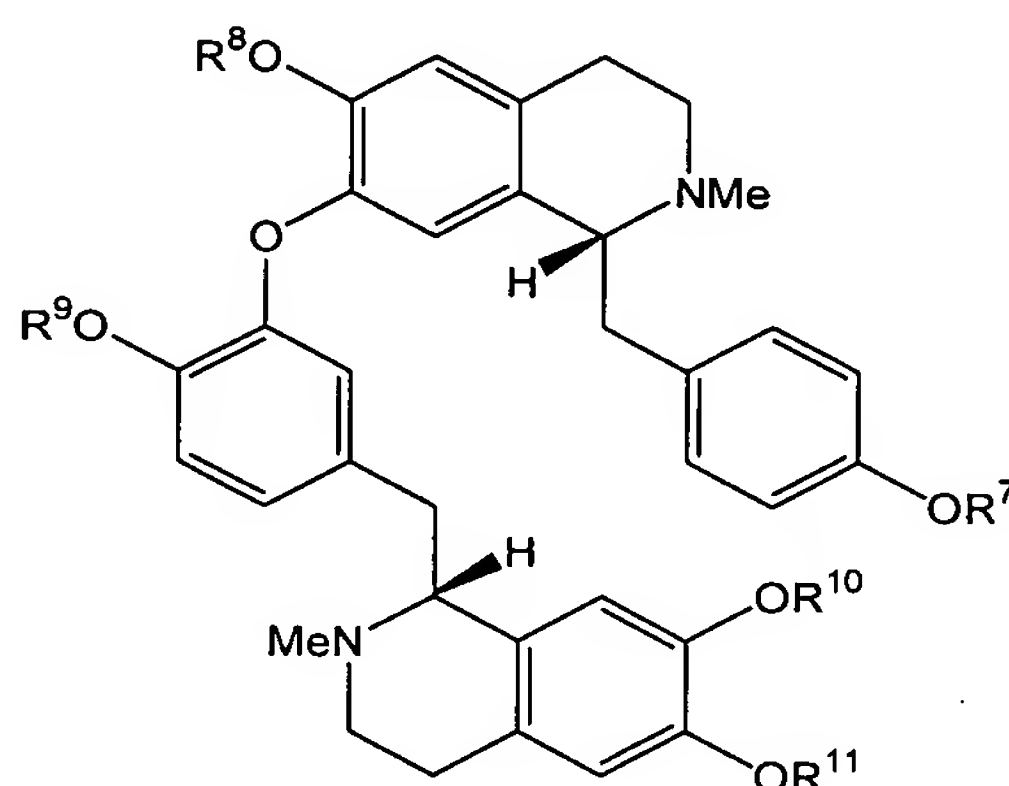
Claims 1-42 (Cancelled).

43. (Original) A method for preventing and/or treating a pain and/or an inflammation, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, as an effective ingredient, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a benzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein R¹, R² and R³ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, and X represents NR⁴ or N⁺R⁵R⁶Y in which R⁴

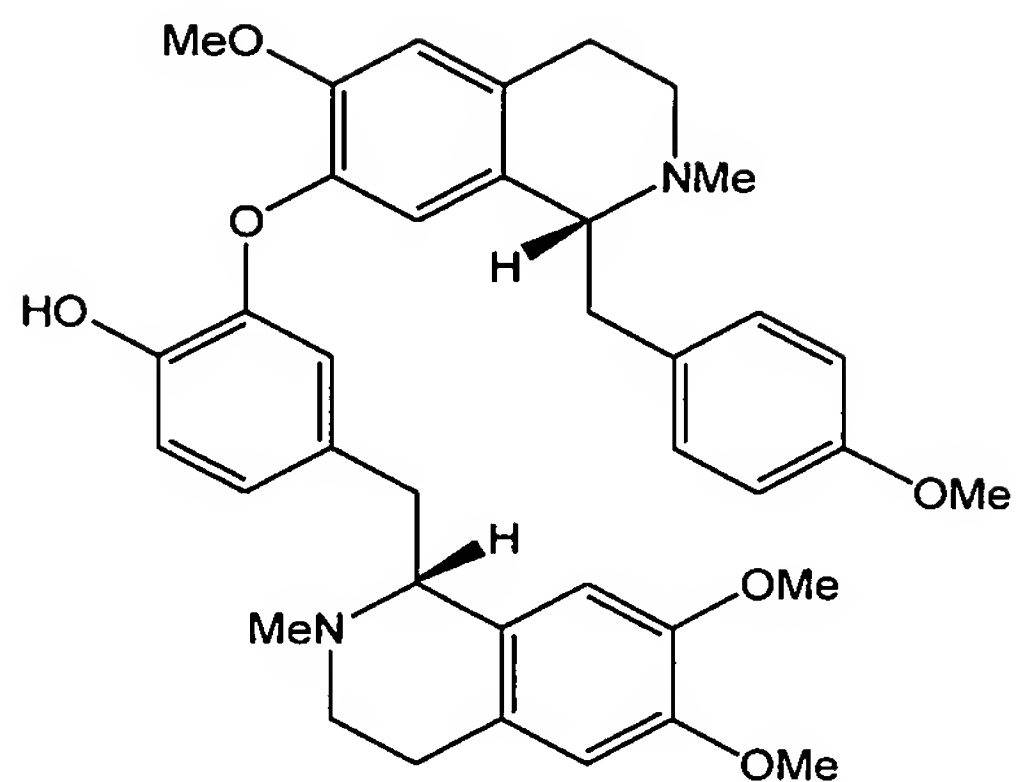
represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and Y represents a halide, hydroxide, or sulfate ion; a bisbenzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (II):



wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted; and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein a pain based on inflammation is prevented and/or treated.

45. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein the compound represented by general formula (II) is neferine:



46. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said derivative is administered orally as part of a health food containing said derivative.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein the health food is a beverage or drinkable preparation.